



THE VICAR WRITES

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For many years, an annual Easter Eve memorial service had been centrally coordinated by the Diocese of Singapore for members of our parishes. In March 2025, parishes were informed that this practice would cease from this year onwards, with low participation rates cited as a key reason for the change. In place of the centralised diocesan memorial service, parishes were encouraged to help their members remember dearly departed loved ones through a time of thanksgiving and prayer during their Easter Eve or Easter Sunday services.

The Cathedral leadership recognises the importance of an organised time for the remembrance of our dearly departed. Rather than incorporating this into our worship services on Holy Saturday or Easter Sunday, we believe that it would be preferable to hold a standalone memorial service. After some deliberation, it was decided that this would be conducted in early November, keeping in mind that 2 November 2025 is All Souls' Day, also known to Anglicans as the Commemoration of All Faithful

Departed. The observance of All Souls' Day began with the Roman Catholic Church, but it is a valid expression of Anglican spirituality. This day may be observed in connection with the doctrines of the resurrection of the body and the communion of saints, which we affirm through the Apostles' Creed.

This year, St Andrew's Cathedral's memorial service for the faithful departed will be held at All Saints' Memorial Chapel on Saturday, 8 November 2025, at 2.00pm. In due time, members will be invited to register for this service and provide relevant details of their dearly departed loved ones. We trust that this memorial service will be a meaningful time for us to remember those who have gone home to be with the Lord.

